

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any expert committee has been set up to study the novel idea and concept of the "Compact or Gandhian University" brought by social activists and educationists to improve access to university education in rural areas;
- (b) the details of the constitution and terms of reference of this committee;
- (c) the time schedule for their submission of the report; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken to discuss with the originators of this concept?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a): According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission, no such expert committee has been set up. The Indira Gandhi National Open University has, however, opened up a number of study centres for students in rural areas.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.